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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08a. All listed documents are attached. The Examiner's attention is also drawn to an excerpt from a Communication dated January 25, 2010 which issued in corresponding European Application No. 03717799.5.

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The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO/SB/08a and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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